the approval of the Government of India before implementation of any project. They are also required to prepare action plan for rehabilitation of displaced tribal population so that no undue hardship is caused to them.

Schemes for Adivasi Tribals in Maharashtra

411. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sponsored some schemes for the uplift and welfare of primitive Adivasi tribals in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of fund earmarked for the welfare of such adivasis during the ensuing plan period?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Besides various Central and Centrally sponsored schemes for the development of Scheduled Tribes which are also available to Primitive Tribal Groups, a specific Central Sector Scheme for the development of primitive tribal groups has been launched from the year 1998-99. These schemes are available for the primitive tribal groups of Maharashtra.

(c) An outlay of Rs. 22 crore has been kept under the scheme of development of primitive tribal groups for Ninth Five Year Plan.

Illegal Occupation of Tribal Lands in Siliguri

412. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are number of cases of illegal occupation of tribal lands in the town of Siliguri in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of action being taken/to be taken by Government to return the tribal lands to the tribals; and

(d) if no action is being taken, the reasons therefor?